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Pub incident investigated

by Eric Hellweg
Strobe staff

An altercation occurred at the FSC pub on Friday, October 2, in which three people were stabbed and two were hit with bottles. Two of the people injured were Fitchburg State students. All five were treated and released at Burbank hospital.

The incident took place at a Pack the Pub dance sponsored by the Iota Phi Theta fraternity. The dance was an 18 plus event.

To ensure the legality of all the patrons, the Iotas established an organized checkpoint system that was present at the door at all times.

According to Iota Phi Theta president Fabian Williams, there were eleven fraternity members from FSC at the dance at all times. Six of these members were working security, maintaining control. There were three stations through which all potential patrons had to pass in order to gain admittance to the dance.

campus center worker, who checked to see if the person was 21 or over. If the person was, he/she was given a bracelet and a stamp, signifying that they would be allowed to drink.

The third and final checkpoint was another Iota Phi Theta member who stood as security, if there were any problems with people trying to get in. This third post also conducted low impact searches of potential patrons, searching bags and opening jackets.

Williams estimated that there were approximately 12 people turned away from the door that night, for reasons ranging from false ID's to displaying a negative attitude. He claims that there were no significant problems maintaining the door. The campus center workers interviewed collaborated with that.

The admittance procedure incorporated by the Iota Phi Thetas in conjunction with the campus center workers is in accordance with Pack the Pub rules. What is not in accordance with Pack the

stated that the night went pretty well and smoothly. She was hassled a few times about serving people and telling others they couldn't be served at the bar, that the drinks had to be brought to them. She attributes these problems to alcohol, and said that they were normal problems for a crowd of that size.

Jean Arsenault, head bartender, concurs with Thomas's observations. She added that "The wait staff did an excellent job, and the Iotas did an excellent job getting everyone out of the pub."

Everyone was asked to leave the pub at around 12:30 AM, when a scuffle broke out on the dance floor involving two people, one of which, according to Williams, was a student.

The fight was broken up promptly, and Williams himself shut off the music and turned on the lights immediately. He then got on the microphone and announced that the party was over and that everyone had to leave.

According to Williams, the fraternity was prepared for the event of a rushed exit, and had already set up a plan to efficiently and quickly usher everyone out of the pub and the building. This plan called for one member ushering inside, one at the door to the pub, and one out in the commuter cafeteria, corraling everyone through the exit directly adjacent to the pub entrance.

Once the end of the party was announced, the pub staff went to the entrance of the pub to make sure that none of the patrons were leaving with bottles or mugs in their hands. There they encountered some difficulties from abstinent people not wishing to give up their drinks. Most people leaving were compliant, according to Thomas.

Once in the commuter cafeteria, the crowd got a little unruly, and that is where the first bottle was thrown.

"Once people see blood, people panic," said Williams.

The crowd that was originally supposed to have exited through the door across the hall from the pub then split up, with



Noguiera is breaking new ground at the Newman Center because of her recent appointment as the Administrative Director. Story on page 4

HIV stressed at AIDS Awareness Day

by Daniel Dobransky
Strobe staff

One of the main goals of tomorrow's HIV-AIDS Awareness Day is to inform students more about the dangers of HIV, rather than AIDS, according to Behavioral Science Professor Richard Kruse.

Kruse believes that the publicity surrounding the AIDS epidemic has caused many people to pay more attention "to the end of the HIV spectrum, known as AIDS" and not give much attention to HIV.

"People who are HIV positive early in progression of the disease are... not going to look any different, health wise, than a person who does not have it," said Kruse. "Many people don't understand (that) a person can look, feel, and act perfectly healthy for quite a period of time and be HIV positive."

Kruse said the AIDS part of the disease, which is the end of the spectrum, can cause an infected person to look very sick because the virus has broken down so much of the human immune system.

Kruse said that it could take as few as five, and as long as twelve years for the symptoms of AIDS to start showing up in a person who is HIV positive. He also pointed out that a person could be HIV positive for a number of years and not even know it.

Since the dangers of HIV are evident, Kruse said testing for the HIV antibody will be stressed tomorrow. A nurse from the Gardner Visiting Nurses' Association is going to be on the community panel and discuss pre- and post-HIV testing, said Kruse.

Kruse believes that people should not be tested too soon for the virus if they suspect they might have it.

"There is a certain period of time before the antibody will show up as the result of the test. So, a person who gets tested too soon may come up with a negative HIV antibody test, but still might turn out

Witnesses...paint the picture of a lone stabber theory; one person with a knife whom they believe acted randomly in his choice of victims.

The first checkpoint was a fraternity member, checking to see if the patron was on a guest list set up by the Iotas. Due to the nature of their organization, the Iotas often invite members of their fraternity from surrounding colleges to their functions. Pack the Pub policy allows for this, provided that all guests from other colleges can present college ID's from their respective campuses. If the guests do not have college ID's, then the guest policy returns to that of any other pub night, which is one guest per student. Pub policy also states that "No one should be admitted if the...sponsoring organization...is unwilling to accept full responsibility for behavior of their guest(s)." This first checkpoint also made sure that the potential patrons were at least 18 years old.

The second checkpoint was a

Pub rules is a clause which states in part: "If off campus guests are invited you must hire Campus Police for the duration of the event." Ambiguities in the Campus Police procedural sheet, however, allow for exceptions to this rule.

Another clause in the Pack the Pub guidelines states that Campus Police must be used if a capacity crowd is anticipated. Neither Williams nor Reb Rebillard, director of the campus center, anticipated a capacity crowd, and acted accordingly. However, a promotion advertising free admission in the first half hour to women wearing shorts combined with a lack of off campus activities led to a near capacity crowd turn out.

Pam Thomas, a campus center worker who worked behind the bar, as a member of the wait staff, and as a checkpoint person

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On the nicest day of the year, the Fitchburg State football team drew their smallest crowd (480) and played their best game of the year. And lost, 14-0. Story on page 12.

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An American Hero?

The realities of Columbus explored

By Jeff Mann
Strobe staff

In a lecture that coincided with the 500 year anniversary of Christopher Columbus' historic discovery, History Professor Ralph J. Coffman examined the facts and fallacies regarding Columbus' fabled journey and his relations with the American Indians in the New World.

The presentation, which took place on Wednesday, September 30 at 3:30 p.m. in the Richard Kent Recital Hall, kicked off the college's distinguished Harrod Lecture Series of the '92-'93 academic year.

According to Coffman, who is beginning his second year at FSC, the entire European economy had been on the decline following various skirmishes with the Moslems.

Coffman said that gold, along with other valued riches from the Orient, would provide the miracle which was needed for these ailing European nations in debt. For that reason, it didn't matter to Columbus which nation he sold his expedition idea of "The Enterprise" to.

Columbus truly believed that he was chosen from God to become the leader of the New World Order. "Columbus viewed himself as the savior of Western Europe," explained Coffman. "He was a man of paradox, ambition, and a vision."

Coffman indicated that although dissension and various power struggles became increasingly prevalent among Columbus' fleet during the voyage, the Santa Maria, the Nina, and the Pinta arrived at roughly 10 pm offshore of present day San Salvador on October 11, 1492. Just after arrival, Columbus and his crew encountered the friendly Taino civilization the following morning.

According to Coffman, the Taino people were "peaceful and gentle" and avoided warfare of any form. They were still Paleolithic, and thus had no comprehension of war materials.

The Taino were eventually put to work panning for gold, and entirely enslaved in 1495 by Columbus and his crew. According to Coffman, a backlash subsequently ensued, due partially to Columbus's inability to govern both his own men and the Taino people.

There was no evident social hierarchy of order within the Taino civilization, as both men and women were treated as equals serving as chieftains of the various tribes.

The Taino were primarily a farming civilization, producing crops such as corn and peanuts, they also "felt just at home on water as they did on land," Coffman said.

Coffman described their spirit world as being "quite vast" in nature, but having at the same time, virtually no extensive priestly hierarchy. The "shaman" were the so-called high priests of the Taino, and they performed certain religious ceremonies for the people.

By 1498 the gentle Taino people were forced to become warriors by Columbus and the Spaniards. They eventually saw the European Christians as "tyrants", and a bloody battle subsequently followed, resulting in the abrupt extermination of a one thousand year civilization in just 30 years.

Students sleep straight in substance-free dorms

by Jennifer Dewey
Strobe staff

This semester, Residence Life initiated a substance-free living environment for seventeen students who showed interest in this type of living.

Residence Life sent general-interest questionnaires on a substance-free living environment last semester to all dormitory students and these students responded.

This semester, three of the New Hall suites have been designated as substance-free. Even though substance-free means no alcohol, no drugs, or any type of

tobacco, it doesn't mean that some of these students are not permitted to drink or smoke on occasion.

These students like this environment because the suites are quiet at night, and there is no worry about having to pay for other people's drunken damages.

Sherri Nickel-Milstone, Director of Residence Life, presently has a waiting list of students who wish to live in this substance-free environment. She also plans on updating this list by the end of the semester by finding out if any other dormitory students are interested.

Nickel-Milstone said it has not been decided if more suites in the New Halls will be used for the substance-free living environment, or if it will be moved to another residence hall.

When asked if she thought there was a big problem with alcohol at FSC residence halls, Nickel-Milstone responded, "I don't know if the problem is worse here than other schools, but Residence Life is responding to what the students want."

There are similar programs at other schools, such as UMass-Amherst, Holy Cross, Clark University, and Framingham State.

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some heading up the stairs into G-Lobby.

Williams was still in the pub at this point, making sure that the last of the guests had left. When he headed outside to check on the crowd, campus police and the ambulances had already arrived.

Witnesses that Williams has talked to seem to paint the picture of a lone stabber theory; one person with a knife whom they believe acted randomly in his choice of victims. According to Williams, the first person to get stabbed was a person who had helped to break up the fight, and the second person stabbed didn't even know the first victim. He could find no correlation between the two. No one Williams knows saw the assailant.

Williams added "Everyone's looking for someone to blame. I can only blame the individuals involved in the stabbing. Campus police did a good job in dealing with the situation."

Officer Bill Mayrose of Campus police stated that they are in the process of interviewing people who were on the guest list and sign in sheets for possible clues as to a motive and a suspect for the attack. He said it appears to be an isolated inci-

dent with no evidence of gang activity. "Enough people were there," he said, "hopefully one will come forward. There's a bond between students that we're willing to accept, but sometimes you have to put that bond aside, and come forward in situations as serious as this one." As of press time, there were no suspects or arrests.

Motives for the attack are hazy and varied, with no singular theme or idea. Alcohol, usually the scapegoat, doesn't appear to have been a factor in this case. The sign in sheets list that there were 93 people over 21 in the pub that night, and there were 173 beers sold. That averages out to approximately 1.86 beers each. Certainly not enough to provoke an attack such as this on intoxication alone.

The issue of patrons bringing in their own beers, as was initially and erroneously reported in The Strobe has been proved false by accounts of numerous workers and patrons who came to see this reporter and give their observations.

Reb Rebillard stated that as a result of this incident, the pub's guest policy was being reviewed, and that certain ambi-

guities in the policy guidelines were being cleared up, so as to minimize the confusion regarding campus security regulations.

He said that security will be increased around the pub for awhile, and that it was too early to determine if any serious changes, i.e. the closing of the pub would result from the violence. He also proposed the question of how to prevent uninvited guests from getting on campus. He cited the fairly lax security measures, and welcomed comments from the student body as to their opinion on how to deal with the problem.

Fabian Williams, president of the Iota Phi Theta fraternity summed up the situation this way: "The whole incident divides a school population. We can't just look at the negatives. It would be better for students to come together to help the situation instead of making it worse by spreading rumors."

"We must increase the peace."

The Strobe apologizes for any errors made in the initial reporting of this story.

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to be positive if that person is tested later," said Kruse. He believes that three months would be a good period of time to wait to be tested.

The following activities are scheduled for tomorrow's HIV-AIDS Awareness Day:

9:00-2:00	Informational HIV-AIDS Video and Community Presentations; G-Rooms & Lobby, Hammond Building.
9:00-10:30	Opening Remarks; President, Vincent J. Mara Ellis White Lecture Hall
	Community Care Giver Panel Presentations Ellis White Lecture Hall
10:30-11:30	KEYNOTE SPEAKER; Michael Querico "HIV: A Personal Viewpoint" Ellis White Lecture Hall
11:30-1:00	PANEL PRESENTATIONS; Persons Living with HIV-AIDS, Ellis White Lecture Hall
2:00-3:30	"HIV-AIDS ARTS" Weston Auditorium
2:00-2:30	Drama; Students Against Violent Encounters (SAVE) Weston Auditorium
2:30-3:00	Music Weston Auditorium
3:00-3:30	Closing Remarks; Professor Richard Kruse Chairperson, HIV-AIDS Task Force

The following students have been nominated for Homecoming King and Queen on Homecoming Weekend.

Thomas Murray-	Class of 1994 History major, Education minor member of the football team three year starter at offensive tackle
Robert Hogan-	Class of 1996 treasurer of Hispanic Student Union
Timothy Castine-	Class of 1995 Club CommEd, WXPL
Suzanne Willard-	Class of 1993 Club CommEd(President'91-'92) Intermural Softball Manager of the Volleyball team ('91-'92)
Wendy Pena-	Class of 1995 President of the Hispanic student Union, VP of Student Hall Council, Cultural Society Member
Andy Stevens-	Class of 1993 GPA 3.0 IFS, Sigma TauGamma Pledgemaster
Paula Ferazzi-	Class of 1994 GPA 2.5 Tokalon historian, Photo manager



"Do I take 'The Microbiology of Potentially Pathogenic Beta-Hemolytic Streptococci.' Or 'The Evolution of the Situation Comedy.' Do I really want to live with Judy the neat freak-again. I can't believe I've got until Monday to decide if I'm a Biology or a Theatre major. Have I completely lost it? Will I ever be able to make a decision, again? Wait a minute, just yesterday, I was able to pick a phone company with absolutely no problem...Yes, there is hope."

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The Tao Chi of Lou Lorenzen

by Lisa Burque
Contributing writer

IT MAY SEEM TO MANY THAT BEING A FOOTBALL star and being an artist are two incompatible professions, yet according to Professor Lou Lorenzen, this is not true.

"Both an athlete and an artist must have hand-eye coordination, the ability to discern things in space, and perception," said Lorenzen.

Lou Lorenzen has been a professor here for the past 28 years. He currently teaches Survey of Art Forms I and Drawing. He has a B.S. in Art from Bowling Green State as well as a Bachelor of Fine Arts, an MEd from Bridgewater State College, an MA in Teaching Fine Arts from Assumption and an MFA from Syracuse.

In high school, Lorenzen was on the swimming and tennis teams. He even tried out for the Olympic Swim Team, but missed by .3 of a second. He then joined the football team in hopes of a college scholarship. He received one from Ohio State but then entered the Marines.

In 1956, he was on the LA Rams team roster when he missed the last cut. Here he went on to Bowling Green. In 1962-1964, he played for the Providence Steamrollers in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Upon

coming to F.S.C., he coached the Leominster Stingrays from 1970-1972 and the Fitchburg Women's Swim Team from 1971-1974. He has also coached men and women's tennis and high school and college football.

How did someone so involved in athletics become interested in the arts? Lorenzen took his first art class in college. He discovered his love for art and switched his major from Physical Education to a double of Art and English. He is not only a Professor, but a guidance counselor and high school principal as well.

Mr. Lorenzen has also lived in many places. He was born in Akron, Ohio, but raised in Freemont, Ohio. After going into the Marines he was stationed in Korea and Pasadena, California. He moved to Bowling Green, then to San Francisco, New Bedford, Fitchburg, and now lives in Leominster. He also has a house in Maine, as well as five children.

When asked his opinion on whether or not everyone has the ability to draw, Lorenzen responded, "Absolutely. Can everyone learn how to play the piano? Yes, but not everyone can be a concert pianist. Everyone can learn how to draw."



Photo by Patricia Depew

Nogueira breaking new ground at Newman Center

by Rob Hoffner
Strobe staff

"DO NOT FEAR: HERE YOU ARE SAFE". THAT'S THE INSCRIPTION ON THE LARGE ROCK OUTSIDE THE NEWMAN CENTER. Upon further inspection, the words "Pastoral Associate" next to Lois Nogueira's name have been replaced with "Administrative Director."

In September of 1992, Nogueira was officially named Administrative Director of the Newman Center by the Diocese of Worcester. Anyone at all familiar with Catholicism will surely be impressed at such news. From the standpoint of the role women play in the Catholic Church, this is a significant event.

"Lois is the first lay-person to hold the position of Administrative Director of any Institution," said Father Richard Lewandowski, Chaplain of Fitchburg State. She humbly downplayed her promotion, attributing it to external factors by saying, "it is because I have worked in Campus Ministry for nine years and because there is a shortage of priests". Father Rich, who wished to set the record straight, disagreed, "It's because of her reputation," he said, "Lois was the one who was sought after by Father Peter Scanlon, Vicar of Campus Ministry for the Worcester Diocese. 'The fact that Father Scanlon and the Bishop of Worcester had that much trust in her capacity to serve as an administrator and pastoral minister, is a credit to Lois.' While Nogueira is the first non-ordained woman to



Photo by Carrie Jorgensen

Lois Nogueira was appointed Administrative Director at Newman Center

be named Administrator of a Catholic Institution in the Worcester Diocese, it is not known whether Mrs. Nogueira's promotion is an aberration on the state or national level. "I don't know of another woman in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who serves as an Administrator," said Father Rich.

The beginning of this academic year marks Nogueira's and also Deacon Ben's tenth year of Campus Ministry at Fitchburg State College. "I love campus ministry... I love working with young adults. Through the years it has helped

me in raising my own seven children," she reflected. Her involvement with students does not end once they leave the college. On Columbus weekend Nogueira will be assisting in the marriage of two couples who are graduates of Fitchburg State.

And what about the rock? "That rock means a lot. That's what we're here for. We don't turn anyone away," said Nogueira. "The Newman Center is a quiet place to come and relax."

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Dr. Kelly joins English staff

by Charlene Arsenault
Contributing writer

English Professor Dr. Nancy Kelly was recently hired full-time at Fitchburg State College after teaching part-time for nineteen years, eleven of which was spent at F.S.C.

Kelly, who primarily teaches journalism and freshman writing courses, is excited about her new courses entitled, "Topics: Women Writers in Fiction." The interdisciplinary course is a multi-cultural approach to women fiction writers in the 20th century and will be offered next semester.

The focus of the class will be on women writers and their present roles in society. "It's a more specific follow up to Dr. Budz's course, 'Women in Literature'," explains Kelly. Writers such as Virginia Wolfe and Toni Morrison are among those who will be studied.

Dr. Kelly's passion has always been for the study of women writers, specifically those in the 19th century. She received her Bachelor's degree at Wayne State University in 1973, her Masters degree from F.S.C. in 1980, and her Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst last year.

VOTE!!! SOON!!!

FSC alumni to pen fraternity history



John Churcher, right, is working on a book dealing with the history of the Mohawks.

by Kerry Quealey
Strobe Staff

A small group of honor students, very active in the college community and successful academically began a group in 1920 called the Berkshire Club.

Today, this same club has evolved into the Mohawks.

The club was originated by a group of men who came from the Berkshire Mountains and started this organization because there were very few activities on campus for males to participate in. Yet, the name "Berkshire" referred to a group of men who came from the Western part of the state; in 1924, they renamed it the Mohawk Club, a much less

exclusive name.

In regards to this, John Churcher, '88 and Dr. Ed Donnelly, '40, both Mohawk Alumni, have come together as co-authors of a book which will entail the origin of the Mohawk Club, who their members are, and what has gone on in the past 68 years of its existence.

"Although in recent years the club has faced its share of adversity, the Mohawks are a proud group of individuals, rich in history with many distinguished members," said Churcher.

Over the years the club has transformed itself from a group very involved with its college whose members were academic and extra-curricular

leaders of the school; to a group with no on-campus status whose members now have an influence on the outside social events of the students here.

The book is the very first of its type and is scheduled to be published within the next six to twelve months. Along with Churcher and Donnelly, about ten other alumni have made contributions to the book, including those who are artists and graphic designers.

John Churcher, '88 was a former Mohawk himself who graduated from Fitchburg State College cum laude with a business degree. He has since been a salesman and resides in Arlington, MA. Churcher has been very active with the college, as much as when he was attending. In referring to the book, Churcher said, "It has been something I've been wanting to do for a long time now." He has also held a handful of offices within the club. In 1987 he was Mohawk of the year as well as student of the year. Churcher was an R.A. in Russell Towers, President of the Business Club, SAM, and was named for Who's Who In America's college students.

Dr. Ed Donnelly also had his share of activities. He was a 1940 graduate and also Mohawk Alumni. As a retired Chairman for the Industrial Education Department, he is presently on the Retired Teachers Board. Dr. Donnelly has also been very active with the school and has three sons who were Mohawks.

FSC Police Blotter

SEPTEMBER 30

- Vandalism to traffic barrier at McKay School.
- Noise Complaint, Russell Towers.
- Dispersal of local youth from Townhouse quad harassing female students.

OCTOBER 1

- Arrested 4 students from Framingham State College in the Lower Cedar St. Lot. All were in violation of the minor transporting law, 2 were additionally in violation of the open container ordinance, and 1 was also additionally charged with possession of a Class D substance, Marijuana. Three of these subjects pled guilty at arraignment and were fined \$50.00 plus victim witness fees. Fourth subject scheduled for pretrial conference.
- Vandalism to motor vehicle in North St. Lot #1.
- Animal complaint, Townhouse Quad.
- Larceny of videotape from Aubuchon Hall.

OCTOBER 2

- Noise complaint, Russell Towers.
- Report of past hit and run accident, Conlon IA lot.
- Reported Larceny of personal property from laundry room in New Halls complex. Item later recovered by owner.
- Responded to Pub for report of a disturbance. Upon arrival officers contacted five individuals who had sustained injuries and cuts. Fitchburg Police along with Patriot Ambulance and Leominster Ambulance also responded to assist Campus Officials. Case still under investigation.
- Report of suspicious persons by Holmes dining commons.

OCTOBER 3

- Report of missing student in New Halls complex. Student later located by roommate.
- Suspicious vehicles/persons in North St. Lots.
- Request for first aid from Russell Towers resident.
- Non student arrested at Aubuchon Hall for being a disorderly person.
- Noise complaint Townhouse #1.

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Who do you trust?

by Rob Haneisen
Strobe staff

Election year. Oh how it causes a wave of nausea to pass through me.

I now must endure pitches, punchlines, and pseudo persons. There is no where to escape from these revolting con artists. They are on my television, on the front page of my newspaper, I hear them on the radio, and now I'm even writing about them. They are politicians and they want your vote.

They all have claims, and after a while the different platforms and issues all blend into a big murky hogwash. It seems each candidate has something that will appeal to every voter.

Bill Clinton spoke on MTV to try and convey that he was sympathetic to the issues that today's youth are concerned about. Gov. Clinton struck me as quite pathetic when he had an interview with the rock group U2. The members of this band aren't even American citizens. I think it is quite disgusting and mighty low that Clinton had to stir up some publicity about himself by talking politics with a rock band that stands for movement for change and has an obviously large following.

Will the U2 fans be a deciding factor in Clinton's ascension to office? If so, I would like to shake the hand of his campaign manager for coming up with such a brilliant, yet off the wall idea. I would then like to slap him in the face for insulting the American voter in such a way.

As for our current president who claims to be doing a good job, even though he is the only one saying this, I have very little to say except that I am dissatisfied. Sorry George, I guess you just don't float my boat. Maybe my impression of the President is influenced by

the state of the economy, but can't I say that I simply don't like him?

When I heard the Republican party's platform was based on preaching family values I nearly puked. Politicians talking about family values is enough to make you want to take lots and lots of psychedelic drugs and wish it was all a bad dream.

However, amidst all of this dreary doldrum of pathetic politicians waiting to sell their own mother to get a vote we have something new and exciting. I know he looks like Frank Perdue, but Ross Perot has got my vote this November.

The only reason I am voting is because of Mr. Perot. Why you ask? I am voting for Perot because he does not want to be president. I believe he is running for the same reasons which I am so irate at the American political system. Mr. Perot is a very rich, powerful, and proud American. It is his pride in his country which I believe is drawing him into the presidential race. I believe he, like myself, is looking around this country and is simply not satisfied with what he sees. Ross Perot is the ultimate vote for the dissatisfied citizen.

What happens if Perot is elected? It will never happen. Even Perot, I think, realizes this. His goal is to shake things up little and see what changes are made.

I still hate politics, but at least this election year there is one thing that will hold my personal interest.



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News

A message from Iota phi theta

On behalf of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Incorporated, we would like to thank the Campus Center Staff for their diligent work and maintaining their professionalism. We would like to thank Campus Police and Fitchburg Police for being on the scene right away and assisting us in controlling the crowd. We apologize for the people who were physically hurt and hope for a speedy and complete recovery. Hopefully, students on campus can work together towards a positive goal. We hope we can learn from the situation and prevent it from occurring in the future.

Student Activism Award Announced

LOS ANGELES, October 1 - The Gleitsman Foundation, a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization which encourages positive forms of social activism, has expanded its awards program with the establishment of The Michael Schwerner Activist Award, an annual honor created specifically to recognize college students nationwide who are proving themselves to be outstanding catalysts of social change in their schools and communities. The announcement of the award was made today by Alan Gleitsman, founder of The Gleitsman Foundation.

In addition to The Michael Schwerner Activist Award, The Gleitsman Foundation also presents the biennial Gleitsman Award For People Who Make A Difference, which honors social activists working within the United States; and the recently-announced Sakharov Award, to

be presented every other year (commencing in 1993) to exceptional social crusaders outside of the country.

The Michael Schwerner Activist Award is dedicated to the memory of Cornell University graduate Michael Schwerner, a distinguished civil rights activist who was kidnapped and murdered in Mississippi in 1964 (along with co-workers James Chaney and Andrew Goodman). The award will be presented every spring to five young men or women currently enrolled in a college or university in America who have challenged some form of social injustice, promoted positive solutions for change and inspired others to realize that they too can make a difference. Award honorees will each receive a \$1,000 prize.

Nominations for potential Michael Schwerner Activist Award honorees may be submit-

ted by a nominee's fellow students, as well as by campus faculty, staff members, alumni and others. Nomination forms, which must be returned no later than January 31, 1993, may be obtained by writing to The Gleitsman Foundation, 6100 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 400, Los Angeles, California, 90048-5111. Nominators are free to nominate one or more possible honorees.

Commenting on the award, Gleitsman said, "People often have important solutions to critical needs, but feel they are not powerful enough to confront the system. By recognizing students who have successfully affected change, I hope that others will realize their own potential and will initiate positive actions on behalf of causes important to them. The result will be a better world for us all."

Prejudice: is it a black and white issue?

by Brian Flaherty
Staff writer

The American people have a big problem on their hands these days. Even worse is the fact that we either don't know it exists or we deny it. I asked 10 white FSC students, five men, five women, if they considered themselves prejudiced. They all said no. If this statistic is true then why is there such obvious segregation on FSC campus?

I'm not talking about segregation in its literal sense, just how so many whites stick with whites and blacks with blacks. Immediately I can conjure up a bunch of whites who associate with blacks and vice-versa, but the number of whites and blacks that stay together, period, totally outweighs the other. Should this be considered a problem, or is this just how life is? Is each just happier with their own kind? If you believe it's not a problem, I'm afraid you too are prejudiced.

A white person need not even

talk to a black person in order to make a judgment, a prejudgment, about them. The immediate recognition of skin color and then assessment, be it subconscious or not, is enough to implant the idea of segregation. Skin color is used not to identify, but to differentiate blacks from mainstream white. Among whites you can be Irish, Polish or Jewish, but you're still white, still safe to other whites.

From my own personal experiences and reflections, I've decided prejudice derives from change. Imagine a settled environment in which your parents shape your ideals and opinions. A place where you see nothing out of the ordinary (white people). This place (often called suburbia) has enough impact to create the ignorance involved in prejudice. Soon enough you move into the real world where color and religion are completely mixed together. Now your settled environment has been infected by people you don't understand. They don't look like you or your friends so they must be different. Hence, aware of it or

not, you treat them differently from any other stranger of the same color. I'm not trying to excuse this abundance of preconceived notions, just look at it in a new way. This is the way a lot of us were raised and have been acting since childhood. It's almost subconscious, but it must be recognized and dealt with appropriately if we are ever to move on.

To imagine hate, the expression of evil, can be conjured up solely upon the shade of one's skin is unbelievable. But we don't have to imagine it, we live it. Some of us hate, some don't. Some of us intelligent, self-actualized folk can choose to become color blind and not even recognize skin color, just personality. Maybe if more people chose to become color blind, we'd lose so many of the stereotypes that even blacks have accepted these days. I'm not talking about taking away black individuality and pride, just the opportunity to be seen as a person first and a black second or third or fourth, etc...

Ten Reasons why you should vote:

by Marshall L. Myers
Strobe staff

1. It's a good excuse to skip a class.
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4. You will have a reason to complain.
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6. You could force Bush to be a "lame duck" instead of just plain lame.
7. It can give you one more reason to oppose your parent's ideals.
8. Republicans have been having too much fun for too darn long.
9. See reason 8.
10. After you make such a back-breaking decision, you'll sleep like a baby that night.

A tale of two urinals

by Joe Melanson
Strobe staff

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, but unfortunately for us we are living in the age of George Bush.

The presidential campaign trail has reach another all-time low, when Mr. Bush appeared on the Larry King Live Show and he sanctimoniously spoke the gospel according to Saint George. I for one saw it for what it was: a urinal of discontent.

He sat before the American public, leaning from his chair and informed the viewers that Bill Clinton once visited Russia, while he was a student at Oxford, England. There is no crime in visiting another foreign country. Thousands of students do it all the time.

Sometimes the political mind takes on a metamorphic shape very similar to the all-American white porcelain urinal. A clever device that resembles a PacMan-type video game character with enormous jaws capable of swallowing almost any adversities.

Now I know to some of you staunch Bush supporters this sounds like treason. Calling the President of the United States a urinal is not very American like. I am not calling him a urinal. What I am saying is that there is a similarity. All political minds have a tendency to function as urinals after long service under abnormal stress. It's in our history books.

For instance, if you need an analogy to grasp the concept, take the two urinals in the boys room next door to the Strobe's office. Now, look very carefully and you will find that one urinal is to the left and the other is to the right. It's that simple. Ain't that political?

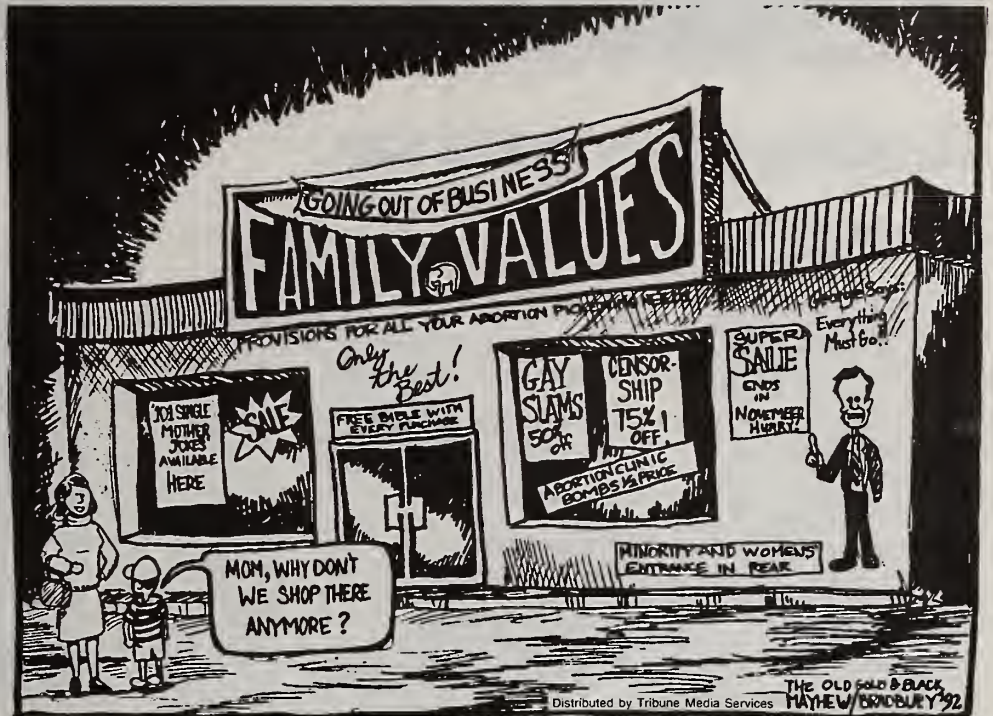
Especially the urinal to the left, it appears to be of average height. You would probably call him middle of the road. His slick glaze makes him very attractive. In fact most students prefer it. It's the Clinton model.

Recently the Bush model, the ancient model T to the right, has taken a beating at the poles. That's the reason the urinal is closer the the floor. The mud slinging has dropped him to about ankle high.

Most students have avoided him like the plague. Or maybe it isn't racy enough. But for certain the deep psychological scares for missing the Bush model is detrimental to your health.

There is a third alternative. The undecided independent thinkers can rejoice. One important feature is that you can get on or you can off when you like.

A locking door is available with this model. Also, a roll of paper is provided to wipe the tears away. I call it the Perot crapper.



Wild Kingdom

By Anthony Rubino, Jr.

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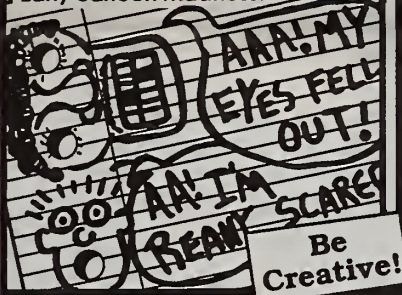
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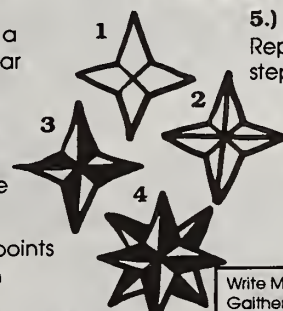
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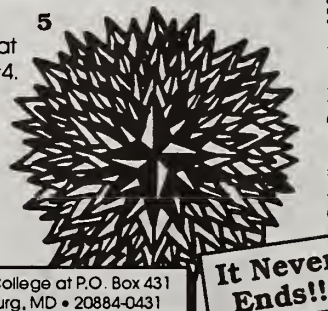
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3.) Shade thusly.

4.) Add points between points.



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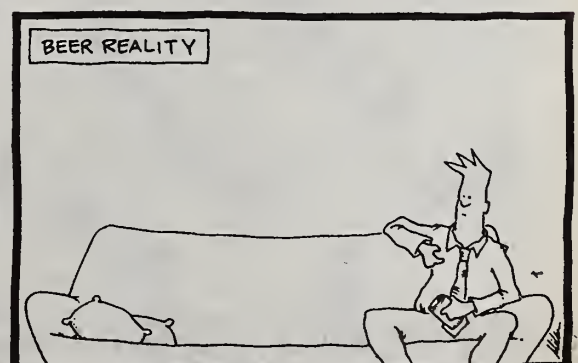
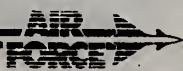
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Rastine gives good sax

by Ellen Roseman
Contributing writer

Rastine's newly released album "Afrodisiac" may be the masterpiece that saxophone lovers have been craving.

As a boy growing up in South Central Los Angeles, Rastine claimed that his saxophone kept him out of the streets and attached to the rhythm of jazz.

By the time he was ten years old, Rastine knew he wanted to play music. He was inspired by the high school marching band while in the eighth grade. As a high school student, Rastine became part of the illustrious marching band, concert band and wind ensemble.

From the beginning, Rastine was inspired by the "greats" of jazz. Charlie Parker and John Coltrane both had a profound effect on Rastine.

Rastine has not only been on the road with the Four Tops, but he has also been to Europe with the Gap Band. Rastine was a part of Marvin Gaye's "Sexual Healing" concert tour and at its completion, returned home to work with stars such as Horace Tapscot and Tina Marie.

Rastine then returned to the road with Miki Howard and jazz singer Diane Reeves.

It was then that he met Don Mizell, his producer on "Afrodisiac". Mizell



Photo Credit: Dean Kerr

Rastine's new disc blends both jazz fusion and contemporary pop.

is known for coining the term jazz fusion and also for his creative talent in the "Little Mermaid" soundtrack album.

Mizell wanted to make a new type of record for the '90s with "strong pop elements and different ethnic and international flavors". Mizell wanted a saxophonist for the record because the sax was his "favorite instrument because of its expressiveness". Rastine happened to be the saxophonist that Mizell was looking for.

Rastine believes that his album is very creative. "The rhythmic and melodic ideas are very fresh."

"Afrodisiac" is not for jazz lovers alone; it may also appeal to contemporary music listeners as well. The album is an exhilarating combination of saxophone and vocals. "Afrodisiac" will whisk admirers of the saxophone off their feet.

MEGADETH ups the ante

by Chuck Mullaney
Strobe staff

Megadeth has returned with a vengeance.

With their fifth album "Countdown to Extinction", Megadeth has reached an all-time high. The first single, "Symphony of Destruction" has quickly become a smash hit, gaining new fans as well as exciting old ones.

"Countdown to Extinction" is the second album featuring the newest members, guitarist Marty Friedman and drummer Nick

Menze. Both members seem to fit perfectly with the original members of Megadeth.

The album kicks off with the



Megadeth...all voted "Nicest Smile" in their high school yearbook.

Photo by Gene Kirkland/1992

energetic "Skin O' My Teeth". It also features prime cuts such as "Sweating Bullets" as well as their latest single "Foreclosure of a Dream", written by bassist David Ellefson.

One track that really gets the blood flowing is "High Speed Dirt", which is about sky-diving, one of vocalist Dave Mustaine's hobbies. Due to its

popularity, it may seem like a sell-out, but after hearing "Countdown to Extinction", you won't be disappointed.

"Glen Garry Glen Ross" showcases acting talent

by Tara Kerrigan
Staff writer

QUITE OFTEN SALESMEN MAY BE PERCEIVED AS PUSHY AND ANNOYING. They call just as dinner is being put on the table or they follow a potential buyer around the whole store constantly babbling about any viewed item.

What happens when the table is turned and the perspective is now from the hard life of a troubled salesman? The answer is "Glen Garry Glen Ross". This film is directed by James Foley and stars Jack Lemmon, Al Pacino and Alec Baldwin.

Don't get the wrong impression. This film is far from depicting a salesman as the nice guy who wants to be your friend. This movie focuses on real-estate salesmen who make their living by getting leads from the office for potential buyers.

"Glen Garry Glen Ross" never actually shows these dealings with the public. All the selling takes place on the phone and in conversations. Only in one scene is Jack Lemmon shown at the home of a doubtful buyer. The rest of the movie is shot in cars, telephone booths, the office and a Chinese restaurant around the corner.

The three unproductive salesmen receive a visit from Alec Baldwin, who is a master in the art of selling cars. He also happens to be the biggest hard ass jerk they could meet. Baldwin introduces the contest that the office is going to hold. The contest's rules state that 'you either sell enough to win a car or you don't sell and lose your job'. These men are suddenly faced with more of a problem than just not being able to close on bad leads.

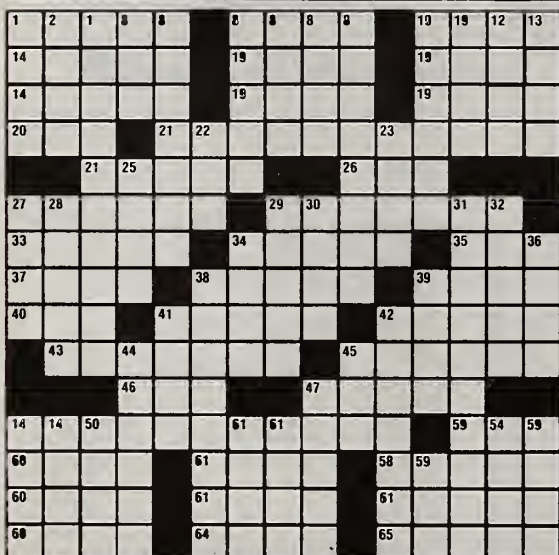
The tone of this film is hostile and aggressive. Scarce are the scenes in which someone is not telling off someone else. The language is harsh, illustrating these men's frustrations and unhappiness.

The conversations are the main focus of the movie. The swearing, however, becomes tiresome. At the same time, Al Pacino delivers some amusing lines.

"Glen Garry Glen Ross" is definitely not the feel-good hit of the year, but it does have some redeeming qualities. There's not much action nor a lot of glamour, but it does highlight biting dialogue and incredible acting. After all, isn't that what movies are all about, acting?

THE Crossword

by Mary Cee Whitten



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- 46 Curve
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- 48 Big light from the sky
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- 58 Velvet hat
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- 61 Author Wiesel
- 62 Draw out
- 63 Extinct birds
- 64 Vim
- 65 Strong smells

DOWN

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- 2 Nautical term
- 3 Love letter
- 4 Wood sorrel
- 5 Following the script
- 6 Acacia tree
- 7 Panache
- 8 Light
- 9 Authorized
- 10 UN diplomat
- 11 Seed coat
- 12 Zola heroine
- 13 Duel prelude
- 22 Roach or Holbrook
- 23 "Peanuts" expletive
- 25 Wharf
- 27 Amo follower
- 28 Gallic nobleman
- 29 Strong point
- 30 Pub drinks
- 31 Of classic beauty
- 32 Filming sessions
- 34 Supplies with a crew
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- 39 Oaf
- 41 Cattle get-together
- 42 Cowboy's beast
- 44 Discussion groups
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Mandel losing heart, but not humor

by Charlene Arsenault
Contributing writer

Actor turned comedian Howie Mandel brought his tour recently to "The New Aud", formerly the Worcester Memorial Auditorium, on September 22.

Mandel is getting older and it shows, not only in his appearance but in his attitude. His trademark boyish charm seems to have been replaced by a harsher, more insulting Mandel. He's grasping somewhat hopelessly for a new image. Instead of relying on wit, he surrenders at times to a vulgar approach. His attempt to be vulgar seems to be targeting

today's younger audience. Perhaps this angle of comedy should remain in the hands of Andrew Dice Clay.

Mandel's show, however, still has some obvious appeal. The show is unpredictable, hyper and upbeat. Mandel is a master of improvisation and one-liners directed at members of the audience. His "Bobby" character is still a highlight of the show as well as the newer "Ernest".

Anyone familiar with Mandel's act is prepared for a few hours of constant crowd interaction. The persistent badgering from the audience can often be an annoyance, but, then again, sometimes it saves his show.

Ugly Kid Joe carries a heavy load

by Dan McDermott
Strobe staff

With their number one single "Everything About You", Ugly Kid Joe burst on to the metal music scene last year with nothing more than a demo EP for Stardog/Polygram Records entitled "Ugly As They Wanna Be".

Rather than fall into the infamous 'one hit wonder bin', UKJ immediately began work on a new album, "America's Least Wanted", just recently released. This new, full length album contains a remixed version of "Everything About You", and features special guest appearances by Judas Priest lead singer Rob Halford and Saturday Night Live's Julia Sweeney.

The newest member of UKJ, guitarist Dave Fortman, has added a touch of heavy-handed grunge to the sound, a change that is evident on particular tracks. "Goddamn Devil", which features back up vocals by Rob Halford, and "Panhandlin' Prince" an ode to the homeless are heavier tracks that emphasize the power UKJ is capable of producing.

"America's Least Wanted" also includes a version of Harry Chapin's "Cats In The Cradle", and a remix of "Madman" which, like "Everything About You", originally appeared on the EP.

The humorous touch that made Ugly Kid Joe so popular is not the central theme on "America's Least Wanted", although the first single, "Neighbor", will draw a few laughs. Other impressive tracks include "Busy Bee", "So Damn Cool", and "Mr. Recordman", a description of the business end of music.

"America's Least Wanted" lives up to the success of "Ugly As They Wanna Be", and proves that there's more to UKJ than a funny tune and a lousy attitude. They are a solid rock band with talent and staying power.

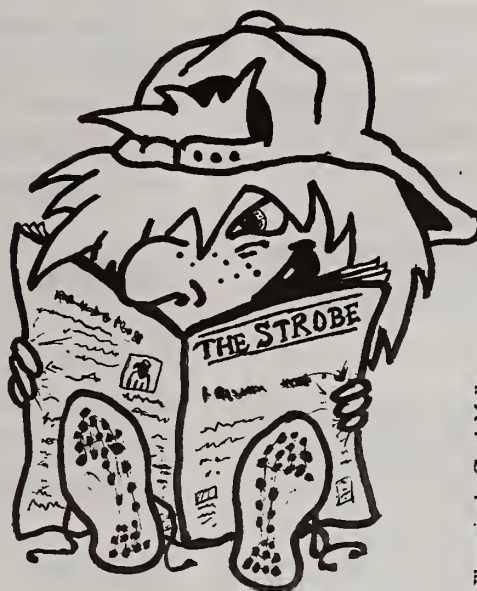
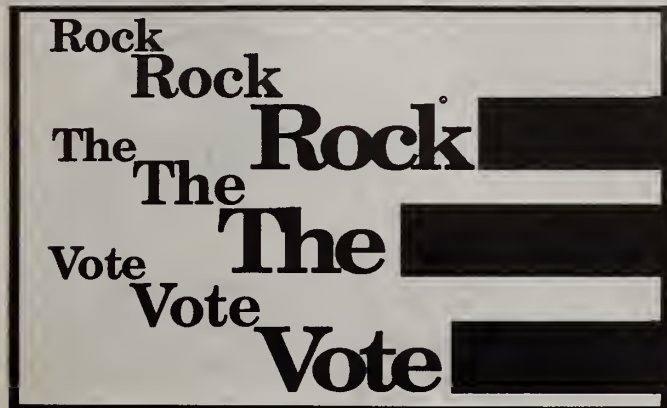


Illustration by Chuck Mullaney



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Announcements

Relationship Issues program meets Tuesdays from 3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. in Counseling Services, 3rd floor Hammond Building. All students welcome.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) group meetings are Thursdays 3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. in Counseling Services, 3rd floor Hammond Building. All students welcome.

The Women's Support Group meets Wednesdays through December 9, from 3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. Call Libby at x3152 to sign up.

The Self-Esteem Workshop, a five week program, begins Tuesday, October 6 from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. in B26 and B27, Hammond Bldg. The program ends November 3.

If you are considering law school, you may want to learn more about it. The Law School Forums in Boston are the perfect opportunity. No registration is necessary, and admission is free. Friday, November 6, 12:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. and Saturday, November 7, 7:10a.m. - 3:00p.m. at The Marriot Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave., Boston.

WITS presents a special workshop on gender bigotry in the classroom, with Dr. Carol Gay, Professor of Psychology, as the speaker. Thursday, October 29, at 1:30p.m. in the FSC Pub.

The Psychology Club is a student run organization that provides activities, information, and support to psychology students and those simply interested in psychology. The meetings are every other Thursday from 1:30p.m. to 2:20p.m. in the student lounge of Percival Hall. The next meeting is October 15.

Two stage hands are needed to assist the Flying Karamazov Brothers on October 27 from 12:00p.m. to midnight. Experience is a plus, but not necessary. If you are interested, contact Heather at box 3689 campus mail by Tuesday, October 20.

Tickets for The Flying Karamazov Brothers are now available at the FSC Information desk. Prices are \$10 for general public and \$4 for FSC students.

The FSC Intramural Dept. will hold the Schick 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney for men and women at Parkinson Gym with play beginning Monday, October 19. The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 14 at 4:00p.m. For more info, call ext. 3343.

The Sigma Pi fraternity will be sponsoring a sleepout for the homeless' on October 17 in the FSC quad. They will be accepting cash and food donations in G-Lobby. Watch for tables. All donations will benefit two homeless shelters in the Fitchburg area.

Flu shots will be available on campus from Prime Med Clinic on November 5 from 4:30 to 5:30 at Health Services. Cost is six dollars, sign up at Health Services. Prime Med also offers Hepatitis B program. Call Prime Med at 345-0000 for details.

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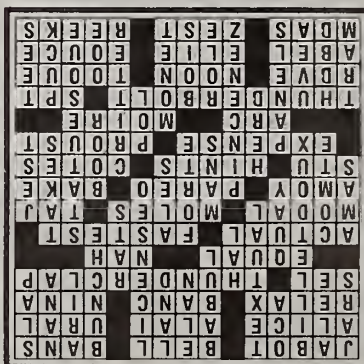
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Crafty's Corner: Sox fans want solutions, not apologies

by Steve Crafts
Contributing writer

WELL, IT WAS NICE to see the Red Sox end the season on an upnote. That is, looking up at the rest of the teams in the American League East.

Don't feel so bad, though, Red Sox fans. You see, after the final Sox game, General Manager Lou Gorman issued an official written apology. The statement appeared in Boston newspapers.

That's right, Big Lou took time out of his busy day to say sorry to us fans for the team's performance during the '92 season.

But Lou, Sorry for what? You and you're boys provided us with so much this

year. We may not have won much but at least it was exciting. How about the homerun race? We really showed that Mark McGwire, huh?

Then there's all that great young talent we were fortunate enough to witness. I mean, you can't get down on yourself Lou, I don't think anyone can hit Hipolito Pichardo.

Seriously Lou, I can do without your apologies.

The GM also went on to promise a winning club in '93. This is the only way to atone for the past 162 game nightmare we had to suffer through.

The Sox need to acquire at least one of the marquee free

agents available. By this I mean a Mark McGwire, Kirby Puckett, or a Barry Bonds. They must also clean out some of the dead weight. Outright releases to Jack Clark and Matt Young would be a nice start. Lastly, the Sox need to put some faith into their young talent that they have developed. Scott Cooper and John Valentin both showed a lot of promise and I don't think we've heard the last from Phil Plantier or Mo Vaughn.

No Lou, it's not time for apologies, it's time to swallow some pride, own up to past mistakes and commit to some positive action of what appears will be a very interesting winter.

Conte, continued from page 12

- Played semiprofessional soccer in Italy
- Played and coached Worcester Sporting in seven indoor seasons and won five championships, with record 83 wins, one tie, and four losses.

- Part of the World Cup Boston 1994 selection committee.

- Coached several professional Brazilian players.

Coach Conte has directed, coached, refereed, and played for several other soccer organizations, small and large. He has worked at the game with all ages.

"He has an incredible knowledge of the game," said co-captain Mike Cirillo. "He really believes that fitness is an important part of the game, and is a fair to everyone."

Coach Conte is impressed with the talent on the Falcons' soccer team. "They're a great bunch of kids to work with," he said. "They really work hard, and have fun."

In spite of an excellent 4-2-1 start, Conte still sees this year as a rebuilding year. "There are a lot of great freshmen on the team. I see us being a real powerhouse a year or two down the road," he said.

The current record should be even better, according to Conte, who says the Falcons got cheated out of a goal in their last game against Worcester Poly Tech. "The ball went in the net, but the referee called it a handball. But it was a bad call. Everyone who saw the play disagreed with the ref."

The Falcons went on to lose the game to WPI 2-1. They could have at least tied the game if the call didn't go against them. Ironically, the opposing coach was Malcolm MacPherson, ex-Falcon coach.

Coach Conte stated that he hopes to be with the Falcons for a long time to come. His goals for the program are very simple and basic. "We just want to have fun, and play a good strategic game the way it should be."

One of Coach Conte's coaching philosophies will be a team motto to help carry the Falcons through the year: "Whether you win or lose, as long as you gave it 100%, you won the game."

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Street Hockey standings and schedule



compiled by Dave Querzoli

The first week of the 1992 FSC intramural street hockey season is now in the books and the standings show the Dawgs (2-0) on top of the heap. The Chiefs (3-1) and L.O.D. (2-1) are settling in second place, while Team Green and The Gashouse Gorillas are at the bottom with 0-1 and 0-3 records, respectively.

Scores:

Thursday, 9/24:	L.O.D. 7, Gashouse Gorillas 0
	Chiefs 6, Lightening 4
Monday, 9/28:	Dawgs 6, Chiefs 2
Tuesday, 9/29:	L.O.D. 5, Lightening 4
	Chiefs 3, Team Green 1
Wednesday, 9/30:	Chiefs 4, Gashouse Gorillas 0
	Dawgs 6, L.O.D. 4
Thursday, 10/1:	Lightening 8, Gashouse Gorillas 0

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Falcons continue to plummet

by Eric Saczawa
Staff writer

On the nicest day of the year, the Fitchburg State football team drew their smallest crowd (480) and played their best game of the year. And lost, 14-0.

The Falcons attempted another 60 minutes of kicks, tackles, and runs. The only phases they succeeded at were the tackles and kicks, as the Falcons defense gave a tremendous effort. The run was attempted often on offense, but failed miserably. Passing hasn't been mentioned as of yet because the Falcons rarely even attempted to put the ball in the air.

Defensively, the Falcons played their best game of the season. Play after play they surprised the Bears, usually stopping them short. The Bears had the ball on offense for about 3/4 of the game, so the Falcon defense was bound to tire sooner or later. The Bears were forced to punt 10 times. The FSC defense



Falcons can't get off on right foot this season.

did their job: shut down the Bear offense, one of the best offenses in the league.

"The big loss (41-0 to Westfield) was so humiliating, it fired us up a lot more than usual to be aggressive," said defenseman Kris Theriault. "We also made some personnel changes that worked out very well."

However, the Falcons couldn't turn on their own of-

fense. If they could have moved the ball and gotten some first downs, the defense would presumably have had an even better game. They tried running the ball 47 times, and got 33 yards out of them. They averaged less than a yard a run. Dan Colon was to lead the pack with 40 yards.

When it came to try the pass, the Falcons usually did not. Quarterback John Lucier only attempted six passes, and con-

nected on one, a 32 yard pass to Sean Armbruster.

The reason the Falcons had such short yardage was probably because they were trying another new offense. This time, they applied the wishbone offense, which would give Lucier the option to keep the ball or pitch it to a back.

The Falcons had only three first downs. They were forced to punt 12 times. Theriault aver-

aged 35.8 yards per punt, including a school record-setting 71 yarder.

The Falcons now drop to a 0-4, 0-3 in the NEFC. They're still optimistic about the rest of the year.

"We still think we're going to go above .500," said Theriault. "The defense is looking good, the offense is getting used to all the changes being made. Now, we need things to go our way."

Photo by Patricia Depew

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Field Hockey has a tough road ahead

by Eric Saczawa
Strobe staff

The Fitchburg State field hockey team has had a tough following this year. They are at 2-5 after seven games, having lost more games already than they did all last year, their championship 11-4 season.

However, the Lady Falcons are not using comparisons to the past as a way to motivate them. As head coach Jane Powers said, "We don't look into the past. We're looking ahead, at what's to come."

What is to come for the Lady Falcons?

A tough MASCAC schedule is in their future. The first seven games count on the Lady Falcons' overall record, but were not MASCAC games. The first conference game is against Westfield State on October 13, a team they beat last year 3-1 in overtime.

"They'll be out to get us," said Powers. "We were the team to beat last year, we'll still be the team to beat this year, in spite of the 2-5 start."

A start that is not indicative of the team's talent, according to Powers. "The key is going to be to get everyone on the team back together," said Powers. "We've had some girls out due to injuries and sicknesses. Especially in the midfield, which is our strongest area right now."

With all the bad luck the Lady Falcons have been having with injuries and sicknesses, they have had to make some line-up changes. Powers pointed out some of the players who have adapted especially well to the changes that have been demanded of them.

"Wendy Gagliani has adjusted extremely well," she said. "She has been very versatile, playing new positions." Gagliani, a freshman, is used to playing wing, her high school position, but has been trying out new positions at FSC.

"Chris Miller has also done a lot of jumping back and forth between offense and defense," said Powers.

The development of these two players will be especially good for the team's future, which is exactly on the team's mind right now.

Leading the Lady Falcons through the season offensively have been Jennifer Kapenas, with five goals and six assists, Debby Watters with five goals and four assists, and Amy Kosiewski, with four assists.

Defensively, Carol Morris has been the starting goal keeper throughout the season. She has saved 78% of the shots, and has let up an average of 2.6 goals a game.

Coach Jane Powers, assistant coach Kelly Cormier, and the FSC Field Hockey team are looking forward to the rest of the season with optimism.

Teamwork lifts Lady Falcons

by Cheryl Hines
Staff writer

The Fitchburg State volleyball team has found themselves on a roll, after defeating Mass Maritime in three straight games. These three wins proved an auspicious debut for some new Falcon players.

The faithful starting six had added help from Amanda Picanso, Melanie Fullerton and Kathleen May. They played well and let their teammates get a few well deserved rests.

"We are a team of experienced and non-experienced

players who learn from each other. Hard work and practice pays off at game time for I have more players to call upon," said Coach Bob Murray.

The FSC volleyball team found themselves feeling good but came up with five close losses in the Salem State Tourney. The Falcons played Eastern Nazarene, Eastern Connecticut, Salem State, Endicott and UMass Dartmouth.

"We use this tourney as a learning experience every year," said Murray. "The team played awesome against the nationally ranked teams." The Lady Falcons have seemingly found a solid formula in stress-

ing teamwork. Despite the losses at the Salem State Tourney, the potential and talent is evident.

The rest of the season is looking good for the MASCAC division games ahead.

"If we play well and together, then we'll win," said Coach Murray.

This year Coach Murray has had added help in the form of assistant coach Greg Rydzefski. He is no stranger to volleyball in this area and has helped the team a great deal. Currently, the Falcons stand at 5-9 overall.

Conte debuts as FSC soccer coach

by Eric Saczawa
Strobe staff

Fitchburg State College welcomes an important new face to its athletic department this year. Italy native Tony Conte is starting his first year as Falcon head soccer coach.

And what a start he's had. After seven games, the Falcons are off to a winning season, posting a 4-2-1 mark.

Conte got the coaching job by answering an ad in the paper over the summer. With just a couple of weeks to go before double sessions, Conte was hired as head varsity soccer coach.

The Falcons are lucky to get such a talented and experienced coach. He moved to the U.S. about 20 years ago, and currently resides in Worcester.

Soccer is obviously a big part of Conte's life. His impressive resume of soccer experience is by far too large to be printed in one newspaper article. Some of the more notable accomplishments in his soccer background are as follows:

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